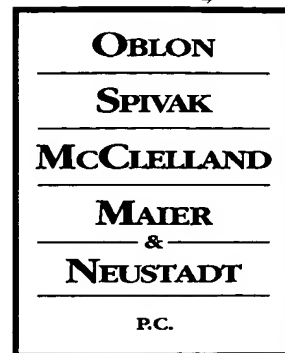




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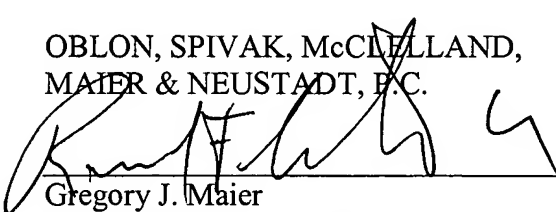
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In response to the Restriction Requirement dated September 7, 2004, Applicants elect, with traverse, Group I, claims 1 - 6 and 13-17, drawn to an inductive element, classified in class 336, subclass 200 by the Office Action..

The restriction requirement asserts that the application contains claims to patentably distinct inventions. However, MPEP § 803 states the following:

If the search and examination of an entire application can be made without serious burden, the Examiner must examine it on the merits, even though it includes claims to distinct or independent inventions.

The outstanding Office Action has not indicated it would be a serious burden to examine the entire application, and it appears that the field of search for the various groups is overlapping, and that the claims of the present application would have to be searched in only a handful of sub-classes. Furthermore, since electronic searching is commonly performed, a

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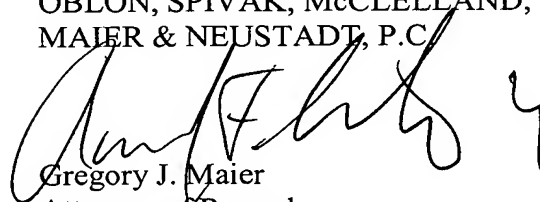
search may be made of a large number of, or theoretically all, subclasses without substantial additional effort.

Accordingly, examination on the merits of Claims 1-26 is believed to be in order, and an early and favorable action is respectfully requested.

Accordingly, an action on the merits is earnestly solicited.

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